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## RELIGIOUS MEN PLAY POLITICS

Game of Modern Intrigue Finds Parallel in Stories of the Scriptures.

"Jesus Faces the Cross"—Mark x-32-52 (By William T. Ellis.)

The game of intrigue has been played for ages. High and low, civilized and barbarian, have practiced it in all pursuits. The Bible has many stories of it, and this incident from the experience of Jesus and His twenty apostles is one of them. The two cousins of the Master, James and John, with their mother Salome, conspired to win from Jesus a pledge to award them the best places in the new kingdom which He was, as they believed, about to establish. There was nothing very deep or dark or discreditable in this little intrigue, viewed in the light of the times. It was simply a conspicuous instance of self-seeking. Yet nothing could have been more unseemly in that presence and on that occasion.

A responsive chord is struck in the feeling of almost any audience by the old hymn, "Some Time We'll Understand." Most persons feel that they are misunderstood. But how sadly was this so in the case of Jesus! His own chosen ones were constantly wounding Him by their failure to apprehend what was most fundamental in His character and purpose. On the present occasion

## BURIAN SUCCEEDS CZERNIN, IS REPORT



Baron Burian

Baron Burian, once before the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, has been named to succeed Foreign Minister Czernin, who resigned, according to Vienna reports.

He was drawing near to His passion. The triumphant entry, with the dark contrast of Gethsemane and Calvary, were just ahead of Him. His heart was weighed down by these solemnities, and He sought the sympathy of the twelve. With all His tender yearning for human fellowship and understanding, He unburdened His heart to them. He told them of what lay before Him; bared His very soul to them.

**Blundering Friends.** What was the result? How did these particular friends show their sympathy? Why, the very ones who were nearest to Him in affection and blood came to Him under those circumstances with a selfish, petty scheme for their personal aggrandizement! Isn't it a wonder that Jesus did not give them up altogether as a hopeless lot? Could any incident have grieved His sensitive soul more in that hour of its darkness and hunger for sympathy? Truly, the Man of Sorrows walked a solitary way, misunderstood of all men.

The "sons of Thunder," John and James, with their mother, Salome, approached Jesus when He was apart from the others. They came near to Him, in modern parlance. The request they had to make was bad enough, but to put it forth through their mother was small and unmanly. It is not for a man's womenfolk to be boosting his interests so; a man must attend to his

own affairs in a manly fashion. What is the result? The very proffering of the request that John and James should sit on the right and the left of the Lord in a temporal kingdom showed a total failure to appreciate what Jesus had so patiently tried to teach. John and James ought to have understood Him and His mission better. Or at the least, their long association with Him should have imparted to them enough of His spirit to have prevented them from making such a selfish request, with its implied unfairness to the others. They were slow-witted pupils with whom the great Teacher kept school.

"Not a square deal," would be about the present-day colloquial putting of the conduct of the family of Zebedee. The request was not even fairly proffered. They asked that whatever they might ask be granted—trying to bind the Master to a course without knowledge of what it was. But Jesus was too careful to be so entrapped. He made them uncover their designs before He expressed Himself. Disingenuousness found no encouragement with Him.

**Where Angels Fear to Tread.** With self-restrained mildness where indignation would have been warranted, Jesus replied: "Ye know not what ye ask." Of how many present-day petitions He could say that! The child who cries for the burning lamp is no more amiss in his asking than are we older children in many of our requests of God. These brothers little understood what leadership in the spiritual kingdom meant; the price of spiritual power is such that all but the brave and the consecrated shrink from it. To stand close to Christ, which means possessing a measure of His likeness, is to have gone with Him over the hard and lonely way which the world has learned to call the "Via Dolorosa."

Jauntily, because ignorantly, the two apostles asserted their ability to share the lot of Jesus, to drink of His cup, to be baptized with His baptism of sorrow and self-renunciation. Their very willingness to so declare proved their ignorance of the significance of the words which they so lightly spoke. Suddenly the Master's thought changes. The last answer opened His eyes to a vision of the small-minded disciples, with their petty, ignoble ambitions, transformed in the two-fold fires of the heaven-sent spirit and of affliction. Their ignorance has sloughed off; their minds have been opened; they understand, in the light that streams from the open tomb, the true character and mission of their Messiah Lord, and they are genuinely ready to share His lot. Looking forward to this, and the sorrows that were to follow them, He sadly says: "The cup that I drink ye shall drink; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized." One of the two young men standing before Him was to be the first martyr from the chosen band, and the other was to live longest, and to know the bitterness of misunderstanding, ingratitude and vain sacrifice.

**Rewards for the Ready.** Notwithstanding this, Jesus could not—simply could not, because of His own nature, because of His loyalty to His disciples' best interest, and because of His implicit obedience to the pre-arranged program of the Father—grant the request. The places of power in the new kingdom were for those for whom they were prepared, and who were prepared for them. Fitness, not favoritism, wins the places in the kingdom of truth. In modern business and politics a man may be catapulted into a situation for which he has no qualifications, by the friendly offices of those in power. But that is no real kindness to the person so favored. "Full" in the long run pulls downward. The method and the desires of these applicants for office were signs of their present disqualification. They were acting dishonorably toward their fellows, and they were adopting a course which would speedily rend any community with dissension. An eastern sage has said that if our Lord had granted the request of the brothers they soon would have been quarreling as to which of them should sit on His right hand.

Already there was strife among the ten when they heard of the presumptuous request of their comrades—though doubtless they had been indulging on good places for themselves, everyone. The disappointed office-seeker is usually the most ardent reformer. The incident of the grumbling among the other disciples is only one more added to countless millions, illustrating the truth that self-seeking begets, instead of love and mutual helpfulness, only jealousy, enmities and suspicion.

**A Lesson From the Teacher.** The patient teacher called the squabbling learners to Him, and began to pacify them, and to attach to the incident a great teaching; it was His habit to link great truths to present facts. Gently He pointed out that they were no better than the heathen. Their present conduct was exactly that of the Gentiles.

The world's way was not to be their way, however. They were peculiar, a people set apart. The difference between the world and the church is an essential and underlying one. The two cannot be conformed, except one be transformed. The Christian may as well give up trying to dress himself by the world's mirrors; he cannot do it. The church is not to work according to the world's patterns. With all our modern talk about "progressiveness" and "adaptability," the fact remains that worldliness in a Christian is just as un-Christian as it was when John and James tried to feather their own nests in the world's way.

Here are the great words which express the fundamental platform of Jesus, without conformity to which none should call himself a regular member of His party in full standing. If one may borrow the current political figure: "Whoever will be great among you shall be your minister; and among you who will be the chiefest, shall be the servant of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give Himself a ransom for many."

That is the platform of Jesus. Those tremendous words need no comment. They sufficiently characterize the presumptuous ambition of John and James; they are adequate rebuke to the quarreling disciples; they arraign the pride and self-seeking of Christians and the world, and they set forth, in unmistakable terms the ideals which Jesus came to teach society and to express in His own ministry and sacrifice upon an undeserved cross.

## CHATTANOOGA NAMES ADDED TO PENSION ROLL

Thin Gray Line Grows Thinner as Years Roll by—Ninety. Four Deaths Recorded.

The state board of pension examiners has just concluded its annual session in Nashville. The state appropriates \$225,000 per quarter for pensions, and it will be seen this exceeds the appropriation by \$41,940. However, the shortage at the January, 1918, meeting was \$46,875, showing the board is reducing the quarterly shortage.

A summary of the report shows 9 soldiers added to the roll; 3 restored; 4 sent to Soldiers' home; 94 deaths—1 first class, 12 third class, 81 fourth class.

The report shows 1 widow restored; 3 suspended for investigation; died, 4 first class, 53 second class; total, 57.

**Soldiers.**  
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3,673, second, third and fourth class, \$45 per quarter... 165,285

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1,651, third and fourth class... 165,810

7,051 \$266,940  
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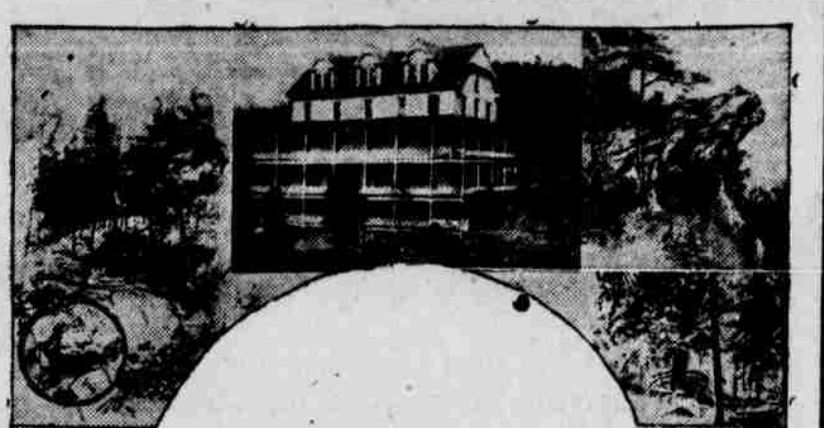
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